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For

RANEY CATALYST, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING IT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SUGAR-ALCOHOL USING THE

SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the first line, please insert

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Appl. No. 08/743,081 filed on November 4, 1996, which is relied on and incorporated entirely herein by reference .--

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 2-4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

45. A lump Raney catalyst for a fixed bed catalyst made by the process comprising

melting a mixture of nickel and aluminum,

quenching droplets of said melted mixture of

nickel and aluminum to form a quenched lump alloy,